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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**Re: Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

Appellants	Simionescu et al.	)	Examiner:	Amina S. Khan
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Serial Number:	10/722,142	)	Group Art Unit:	1796
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Filed:	Nov. 24, 2003	)	Customer Number:	22827
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Confirmation No.:	4675	)	Deposit Account:	04-1403
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Title:	Fixation Method for Bioprostheses	)	Attorney Docket No.	CXU-379
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1. ☒ **NOTICE OF APPEAL:** Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.31, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated Dec. 12, 2008 of the Examiner twice/finally rejecting claims 20, 21, 24, 28, 29, 48-49, 51-55.
2. ☐ **BRIEF** on appeal in this application pursuant to 37 CFR 41.37 is transmitted herewith (1 copy).
3. ☐ An **ORAL HEARING** is respectfully requested under 37 CFR 41.47 (due within two months after Examiner's Answer).
4. ☐ Reply Brief under 37 CFR 41.41(b) is transmitted herewith (1 copy).
5. ☐ "Small entity" verified statement filed: [ ] herewith [ ] previously.

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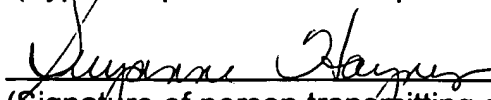
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